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Addendum

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Evaluation

1. At its 2nd to 5th and 8th and 9th meetings, held on 16, 17 and 19 May 1994, the Committee considered five reports on evaluation.

Peace-keeping operations: start-up phase

2. At its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 16 and 17 May 1994, the Committee considered the progress report on the in-depth evaluation of peace-keeping operations: start-up phase (E/AC.51/1994/3 and Corr.1).

Discussion

3. The Committee was informed that the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations had had the progress report on the in-depth evaluation of peace-keeping: start-up phase before it at its March-April 1994 session and that the Special Committee, noting the report, believed that a continuing process of in-depth evaluation of various phases and aspects of peace-keeping operations was important to the deliberations on improving the capacity of the United Nations for peace-keeping (A/49/136, para. 54).

4. The Committee noted that the progress report dealt with issues that went beyond the start-up phase itself, but agreed that the report provided useful information. It provided a frank identification of problems affecting the start-up phase of peace-keeping operations. A number of delegations considered that certain recommendations were beyond the competence of CPC and therefore those recommendations should be considered in the competent intergovernmental bodies.

5. The Committee discussed at length the findings and recommendations relating to substantive components of peace-keeping operations. Some delegations expressed opposition to human rights and electoral assistance as regular components of peace-keeping operations and stressed that either or both of them could be part of peace-keeping operations only on the basis of the specific mandate given to the operation; some other delegations maintained that those components were integral parts of peace-keeping operations.

6. The Committee was informed that parts of recommendations 1 to 24 in the progress report had possible programme budget implications, but that recommendation 25 did not have any budget implications.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. Subject to the views and comments of members of CPC noted above, the Committee:

(a) Endorsed recommendation 25 concerning the final report on the in-depth evaluation of peace-keeping: start-up phase;

(b) Took note of recommendations 1 to 24 and agreed that the General Assembly would have to review the recommendations in the light of possible statements of programme budget implications during the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.